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FACSIMILE TERMINAL AND FORMAT CONVERTER BOTH FOR USE IN THE SYSTEM

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Submitted herewith are copies of two publications identified on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

U.S. Patent No. 6,094,277 discloses that when a file attached to a received mail cannot be developed, a reply expressing this fact is sent. This technique corresponds to the prior art of the present claimed invention. This document does not disclose a system for performing format conversion.

Japanese Patent Document No. 11-27501 discloses that in the case where received E-mail data has a format which does not permit the data to be output, it is transferred to a specific personal computer or the like. This technique corresponds to the prior art of the present claimed invention. This document does not disclose a system for performing format conversion.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the attached publications and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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